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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claims 3 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-2, 4-13 and 15-18 remain pending in the application.

Filed separately herewith is Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$120.00 for a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time (also filed separately herewith). If the amount is in error, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to debit or credit, as appropriate, Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4, 8-15, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Adams (U.S. Pat. No. 3,513,960). Claims 3, 5-7 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams in view of Kettelson et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,485,911).

In an interview with Examiner Bidwell on October 3, 2005, in regard to the noted rejections, a proposed amendment was presented. After the interview, Examiner Bidwell stated that the claims, as proposed, would overcome the rejection of record. The amendments made to the claims above reflect those presented in the proposed amendment.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application,


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as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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